

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
5 DECEMBER 2022, 6.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs Miss F Russell (Chairman), A Cornwell, Mrs J Elliott-Renney, D Imlach and Mrs J Jackson.

IN ATTENDANCE: G Burt, Clerk to the Council
Dis Cllr Gordon Gordon Macara
2 Members of the Public

1. Apologies

Cllr. R Marks had tended his apologies - prior engagement. The apology and reason given was approved.

2. Declarations of Interest

Members and officers were invited to make any declarations of pecuniary and/or non-pecuniary interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda and were reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it then became apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue was to be considered.

3. Questions from Visitors

None

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

Cty Cllr Tom Richardson had tended his apologies.

Dis Cllr Gordon Gordon Macara had circulated a report prior to the meeting and added that: CDC binmen would be striking after Christmas; CDC had written to all social landlords in the district about mould in homes, following the tragic case in Rochdale.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 7 November 2022, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Planning

There were no planning applications requiring comment.

Ref. No	Address	Details	Comment
SDNP/22/04481/HOUS	Alpenrose A286 Church Lane To Bell Lane Cocking GU29 0HN	Replacement single storey rear extension.	

8. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – a footpath that links Church Lane to Bumblekite needs gravel in two places where it is muddy and slippery.
- b. Cycleways – as per last meeting. This scheme would not detract from a proposed extension of the Centurion Way which was currently now a long way off.

9. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – Contractors were looking at replacing part of the fence. A picnic table inside the fence needs replacing, approx. cost £150.
- b. Village Hall – Cllr Imlach reported on plans to replace a rear fire door. Clerk to chase Broadband quote.
- c. Benches - sagging bench at the playground was still to be renovated, ditto the seat at Crypt Lane.
- d. First Aid Training – had taken place. Fully subscribed and well received.
- e. Bus Shelter at play area *looking tired*.

10. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix **A**.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 14 November 2022 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix **B** and the bank statement was subsequently initialled by the Chairman.
- c. Members reviewed the draft 2023-24 budget - to be confirmed in January. Traffic calming continues to be the number one concern raised with the Parish Council. To this end it has been trying to progress the installation of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) to the north of the village. The cost to supply and install is £5,923. The Parish Council currently takes £13,567 from residents and has so for the last 3 years. This project, for which no grants are likely to be available, would nearly deplete the Council's reserves, so if the Council were to undertake this in 2023-24, it would need to add this project to the council tax. Mindful of the current burden on households, **RESOLVED** to ask residents their views on increasing council tax to pay for this item. It would add £27.22 to a typical Band D property in the parish which is an increase of 43.66% on the parish element. Clerk to provide suggested wording to Cllr Cornwell for inclusion in next Cocking Column.

11. Any Other Matters for Information

Cllr Imlach reported that he had attended a meeting about Pendean Quarry recently - a new planning application was to follow.

It was reported that the editors of the *Cocking Column* e-newsletter were standing down.

It was reported that a complaint had resulted in feather banners promoting a local business being removed.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9 January 2023 6.30pm

13. Exclusion of Press & Public

RESOLVED that due the nature of the business about to be transacted (staffing), the press and public be excluded and they be instructed to withdraw.

14. Pay Award

Members were advised of the nationally agreed 2022-23 pay award, negotiated by NALC and SLCC. The Clerk was on SCP 17. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk's salary be increased in accordance with the national agreement accordingly.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 05 DEC 2022						
EXPENDITURE						
				NET	VAT	GROSS
05/12/2022	Cocking Village Hall	1013	Hall hire: Electors Meeting	£15.00		£15.00
			Hall Hire: 1st Aid training	£15.00		£15.00
05/12/2022	Rynat Ltd	1014	Annual Play Area Inspection	£144.00	£24.00	£120.00
05/12/2022	Kirsty Douglas	1015	1st Aid training	£360.00		£360.00
05/12/2022	Greg Burt	1016	Clerk salary - Nov	£224.38		£224.38
05/12/2022	HMRC	1017	Clerk Tax - Nov	£56.20		£56.20
05/12/2022	David Imlach	1018	Reimb for Remembrance Wr	£20.00		£20.00
				£834.58	£24.00	£810.58
INCOME						
DATE	PAYER		PARTICULARS	AMOUNT		
07/11/2022	CVHC	BACS	Grant towards fireworks	£596.67		

APPENDIX B

BANK RECONCILIATION				
CASHBOOK				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2022		£13,622.40		
Add Total Receipts		19,998.67		
Less Total Payments		(18,421.89)		
TOTAL		£15,199.18	◀	
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (14/11/2022)		17,429.76		
Less unrepresented cheques				
1007	£1,700.00			
1008	£224.58			
1009	£56.00			
1010	£250.00			
		-2,230.58		
Plus unrepresented deposits				
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TOTAL		15,199.18	◀	

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